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1. The new Air Force Training Center is situated northeast of Presov (N 49-00, E 21-15) on the Presov-Nizna Sebastova (formerly Nizni Sebes)-Kapusany highway. The site of the Center is approximately 1,000 m. long and 600 m. wide. The northeast boundary is formed by the above highway. The western boundary runs along the eastern edge of Nizna Sebastova. The southern boundary is formed by the new road connecting Nizna Sebastova and Vysna Sebastova. The eastern boundary borders the western edge of the Presov Airfield. 25X1
2. Prior to the start of actual construction, drainage of the whole site had to be carried out. This was done in 1952. However, the ground sank and the drainage pipes had to be dug up and relaid in the winter of 1953. Water pipes were laid at the same time the drainage system was installed. The water has to be brought by a special pipeline from a pumping station which is situated near Sarisske Luky, by the railroad stop on the western side of the railroad line. The drainage system is connected to the airfield's new drainage system and is directed into the Sekcov brook.
3. Work on the site was started in 1951, but began on a large scale only in 1953. The construction is being carried out by the Presov executive branch of Stavoproductria, National Enterprise. The average number of civilian workers on the construction varies between 200 and 300. About 60-70% of these are gypsies, who have a very low working morale and a high rate of absenteeism. The remaining workers are small farmers from the surrounding villages who work in their own fields whenever necessary. During vacations, school brigades work on the Center also.
4. The construction lagged very much behind because of irregular delivery of material, insufficient transport, and unforeseen difficulties attributable chiefly to unsuitable ground. In addition, the shortage of bulldozers and spare parts for them was responsible for the plan being fulfilled only about 30%. The individual worker's output in some branches was as low as 15%. In the resulting chaos, the iron mountings for the main girder of the new hangar were completely forgotten. That girder had to support

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ninety-eight cross-bars. According to the plan, the construction was to be completed by the end of 1953. Judging by the present stage of the construction, it is not probable that the whole Center will be finished before the end of 1954. Part of the site was handed over to the Air Force in August 1953, but this part cannot be used as yet because the interior fittings have not been installed.

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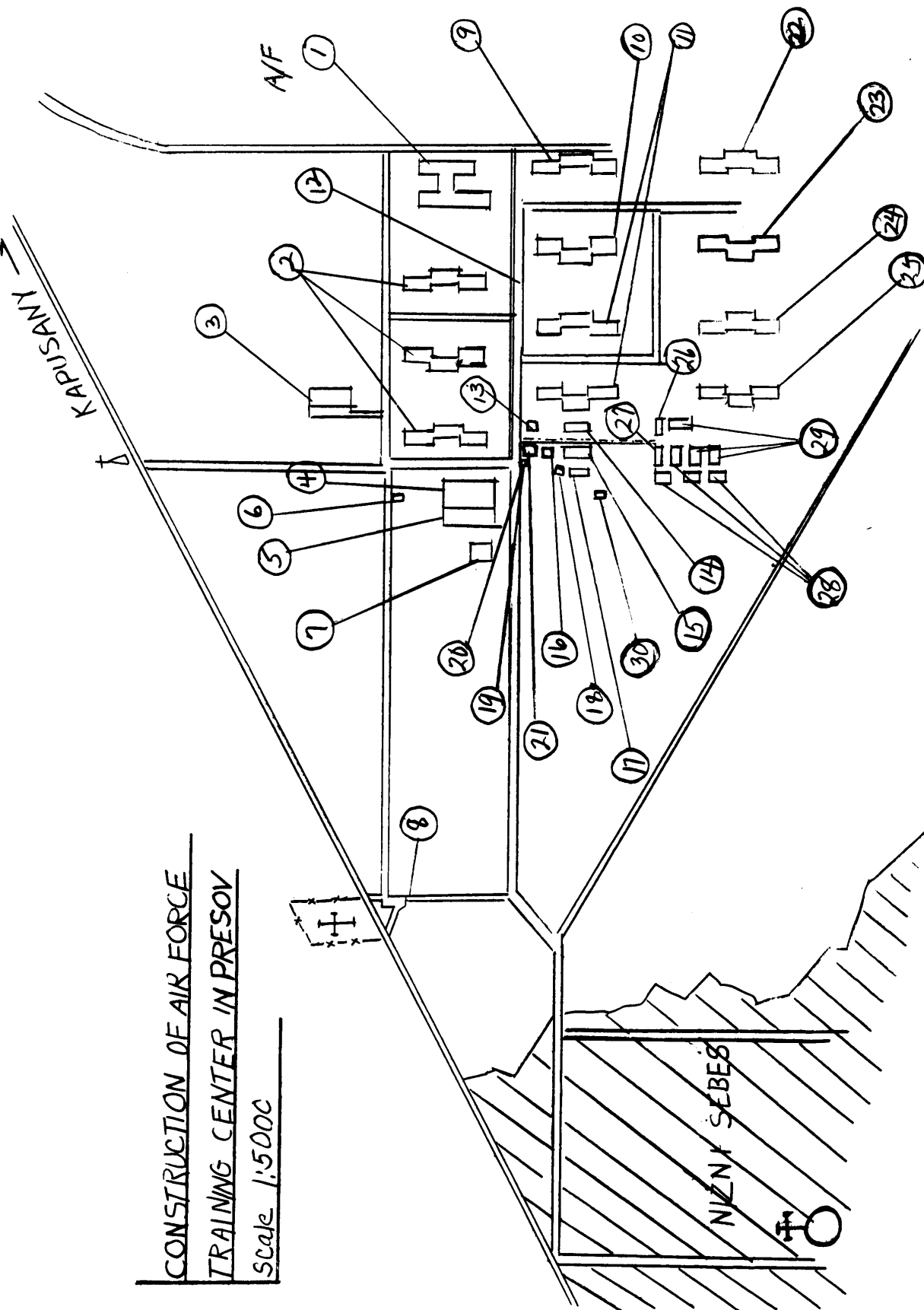
- 1 - Kitchen, mess hall, theater
- 2 - Billets (in the wings), lecture rooms and offices (in the middle part)
- 3 - Headquarters building
- 4 - 5 - Garages and parking lot.
- 6 - Guardpost
- 7 - Unidentified building
- 8 - Macadam road, enlarging into a parking lot
- 9 - 10 - 11 - Buildings identical with #2. In winter 1952 the PTP unit working on the construction was quartered there.
- 12 - The original road from Vysna Sebastova to Nizna Sebastova
- 13 - Guardpost at the entrance to PTP camp
- 14 - Staveindustria offices, civilian employees' kitchen and mess hall, military canteen (wooden building).
- 15 - Building-material stores (wooden building)
- 16 - PTP unit's kitchen
- 17 - PTP unit's mess hall
- 18 - PTP unit's bathrooms and joiner's workshop
- 19 - Smithy
- 20 - Electric transformer station (no building indicated on sketch)
- 21 - Boiler house site
- 22 - Dispensary
- 23 - Officers' quarters
- 24 - Officers' quarters site (will be the same as # 23)
- 25 - Billets, offices, detention room
- 26 - Offices of the 4th PTP Company (wooden hut)
- 27 - Offices of the 5th PTP Company (wooden hut)
- 28 - Civilian employees' billets (4 wooden huts)
- 29 - PTP unit's billets (3 wooden huts)
- 30 - Staveindustria fuel store

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